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The Navajo Nation is a sovereign, self-governing society that has been in existence since the Holy People gave the Navajo the land between the Four Sacred Mountains for their use and occupancy. Long before the Europeans arrived as newcomers, the Navajo people were living according to the laws, the rules, and the prayers taught to them by the Holy People, laws that brought order, beauty, peace, and harmony to the People and their world.

The Navajo Nation Council, the governing body of the Navajo Nation, following the instructions of the Holy People to preserve harmony, continues to enact laws so the Navajo Nation, in a planned and orderly way, can keep pace with the fast and ever-changing world. The laws of the Navajo Nation are made by Navajo lawmakers for the benefit of Navajo People. All who come onto Navajo land must follow these laws. The enactment of Navajo laws asserts the inherent sovereignty and authority of this Nation within a nation. The Navajo Nation Code sets forth the laws of the Navajo Nation.

The Navajo Nation government is a representative form of government with its President, Vice President and Council Delegates elected by the Navajo people. It acts by resolution and is separated into three branches; Executive, Legislative and Judicial. The Navajo Nation did not adopt the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 and does not operate under a constitution.

The Tribal government structure consists of 110 chapters (similar to precincts or townships) representing all reservation areas and Navajo communities. These 110 chapters elect the 88 Tribal Council Delegates to represent the Navajo people. In addition, each chapter elects its own President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Grazing Committee, Farm Board and/or Land Board member to run the affairs of the local chapter community. Chapters exercise limited authority which is delegated by the Navajo Nation government over tribal members, land/assets within their boundaries.

The central government located in Window Rock, Arizona represents the entire Navajo Nation and the Navajo people.

Presidential/Council Delegate General elections are held every 4 years (next November 2002). Chapter Official/School Board General are held every 4 years (next August 2004). Under Tribal law, Council meetings are held quarterly (January, April, July, and October) starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Council Chambers in Window Rock.

Navajo Nation Population: The total population is estimated by the Navajo Nation to be 250,000 as of January 1, 2000.

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Special Tribal Events (Open to the Public)			
Event	Approximate Date	Place	Contact Person
4 th of July	July 4	Window Rock	Leo Watchman (520)871-6478
East Navajo Fair	August	Crownpoint, New Mexico	Leonard Freeland (505)786- 5841/5244
Central Navajo Fair	August	Chinle, Arizona	Roselyn Yazzi (520)674- 3614/3611 Ted Evans (520)674-2052



Navajo Nation	September	Window Rock, Arizona	Leo Watchman, Jr. (520)871-6478
Southwest Navajo Fair	September	Dilcon, Arizona	Jerry Freddy (520)657- 9244/3376
Northern Navajo Fair	October	Shiprock, New Mexico	Sally Begay (520)368- 5312/5321
Western Navajo Fair	October	Tuba City, Arizona	Mary Maloney (520)283-5782
Library Arts & Crafts	December	Window Rock, Arizona	Patricia Begay (520)871-6376
Crownpoint Rug	Monthly	Crownpoint, New Mexico	Ena Chavez (505)786-5302